



# The Arc of Justice



19 January 2025  
Jennifer May & Lois Weir  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# ***The Arc of Justice***

Order of Service: 11:00 AM

January 19, 2025

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Music for Gathering

Welcome

Jennifer May and Lois Weir  
Worship Leaders

Chime

Prelude

*On My Way*  
by Mavis Staples and Ry Cooder  
Brad Bolton, guitar; Kevyn Breedon, and Emily Hall, vocals

Words for Gathering

Chalice Lighting

by Melanie Davis

If ever there were a time for a candle in the darkness,  
this would be it.  
Using a spark of hope,  
kindle the flame of love,  
ignite the light of peace,  
and feed the flame of justice.

Opening Hymn

*One Foot/Lead With Love*  
by Melanie DeMore  
from the *Justice Choir Songbook*  
*Kevyn Breedon, Holly Wickersham, Katie Grigg-Miller*  
*and Emily Hall, hymn leaders*

Time for All Ages

Colleen Thoele  
Director of Religious Education

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

Silence, sharing our sorrows and losses, and pastoral prayer

Sharing our joys

*Honoring Song*, by Mallory Heartsong

Music Meditation

*#149 Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
John Wickersham, piano

Reading

Reflection

Jennifer May

Reflection Hymn

*Hope*  
by Ysaye M. Barnwell

Reflection

Lois Weir

Music

*Ella's Song*  
by Bernice Reagon

Offering

*Battle Hymn for an Army of Lovers*  
by Crystal Darden (Crys Matthews)  
Brad Bolton, guitar Emily Hall, vocals

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. May we carry these in our hearts and minds until we are together again.

Closing Hymns

#116 *I'm On My Way*  
#1018 *Come and Go With Me*  
#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Benediction



**Next Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
**"Justice for All" Means All**

9:15 AM, an all-ages Worship  
Led by Rev. Kristina Church and DRE Colleen Thoele

10:00 AM Pancake Sunday!  
Lifespan Religious Exploration and Social Hour in Hobbs Hall

11:00 AM, a traditional worship service  
Led by Rev. Kristina Church and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

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**Activities & Events: Jan. 19 - 26, 2024**<https://kentuu.org/calendar>[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events)

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**Jan. 19 Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship  
10:00 AM RE: Justice January  
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship

**Jan. 20 Monday**

12:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall

**Jan. 21 Tuesday**

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
2:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall  
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall  
7:00 PM Community Sing

**Jan. 22 Wednesday**

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group  
6:00 PM OWL  
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**Jan. 23 Thursday**

5:30 PM Website Committee

**Jan. 24 Friday**

5:15 PM Hobbs Hall Market set up  
7:00 PM Kirtan Concert w/ Brad & Margo

**Jan. 25 Saturday**

6:00 AM Rental Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall & Kitchen  
2:00 PM Hobbs Hall reset  
4:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

**Jan. 26 Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship  
10:00 AM RE: Justice January  
10:00 AM Pancakes!  
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Safety Committee

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
(yellow house) next to the church building

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## **#149 Lift Every Voice and Sing**

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

## **#116 I'm On My Way**

I'm on my way to the freedom land.  
I'm on my way to the freedom land.  
I'm on my way to the freedom land.  
I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

I asked my sister, come and go with me..

I asked my brother, come and go with me....

If they say no, I'll go anyhow....

I'm on my way, and I won't turn back...

### **#1018 *Come and Go With Me***

Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land  
where I'm bound. (2x)

There'll be freedom in that land...

There'll be justice in that land...

There'll be singin' in that land...

### **#118 *This Little Light of Mine***

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine...